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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-39, drawn to an apparatus/ method of communicating between a first location and a second location relate to the copying signal, classified in class 398, subclass 82.
 - II. Claims 40-44, drawn a communicating method for performing secure communication relate to the relay signal, classified in class 398, subclass 53.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are unrelated because invention I is related to an apparatus/ method of communicating between a first location and a second location relate to the copying signal. Invention II related to communicating method for performing secure communication relate to the relay signal.
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dzung D Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3025. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

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